

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sadie Kuper was born on December 9, 1904, to Dick and Sadie (Bulthous) Kuper at Lennox, South Dakota, one of 12 children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Sadie graduated from Lennox High School where she enjoyed playing basketball; and,

Whereas, Sadie married Edward Hammerstrom on September 2, 1925, and to that union four children were born, Elva, Elda, Duane, and Luverne, and they blessed her life with 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 5 great great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Sadie worked at home caring for the family, in 1952, she became a deputy sheriff for her husband, and in 1954, she became the first female sheriff in Lincoln County, serving for 2 years and wearing a badge, but never carrying a gun, while her husband, Edward, served as her deputy; and,

Whereas, Sadie was involved with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Eastern Star, Extension Club, and the Business and Professional Women's organization, as well as enjoying her crocheting, knitting, working crossword puzzles, watching baseball on TV, bowling, playing the piano and spending time with her family; and,

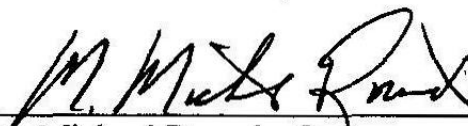
Whereas, Sadie will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 11, 2004, at the Canton Lutheran Church to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2004, as

SADIE HAMMERSTROM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

